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PRE AMENDMENT
AT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HENDERSON, et al.

Application No.: unassigned

Filed: November 04, 1999

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
AND USING COMPOUNDS THAT
INACTIVATE HIV-1 AND OTHER
RETROVIRUSES BY ATTACKING
HIGHLY CONSERVED ZINC FINGERS
IN THE VIRAL NUCLEOCAPSID
PROTEIN

Examiner: unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED
WITH DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced divisional application (parent application is USSN 08/379,420, filed Jan. 27, 1995), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter for divisional application
- postcard